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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL MEETS

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the National Christian Council, which met at Aoyama Gakuin March 5-6, passed three significant resolutions. In regard to the manufacture and testing of A-H bombs, the Council referred to a resolution of protest adopted at the Seventh Annual Meeting in 1954 and appealed for the elimination of this menace to civilization. Concerning Okinawa, sympathy was expressed for the dispossessed and it was urged that the Japanese, Okinawan and American Government redouble efforts looking toward the supplying of substitute land and houses for these farmers; and, insofar as that is impossible, provision of adequate subsistence for the persons affected. A proposal to recommend exploring the possibility of a United Nations Trusteeship for this area was included in the original resolution approved by the Council's executive committee but this was eliminated before the final vote. Furthermore, while passage of the Anti-Prostitution Law was viewed with satisfaction, attention was called to the necessity of cooperation with the government and social agencies in the rehabilitation of the unfortunate women involved.

Dr. Enkichi Kan, Dean of the Literature Department of St. Paul's (Hikyo) University, delivered an address on "Christian Education in Pagan Society," in which he related the Christian message to culture permeated with Buddhism and Confucianism. In group discussions the central emphasis was on the necessity of the church paying greater attention to social problems. Mr. Michio Kozaki, Minister of the Reinanzaka Church was re-elected moderator. The Reverend Richard Merritt, missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in USA, was elected Associate General Secretary of the Council in place of Dr. Paul S. Mayer who is retiring this month.

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The Executive Committee of the National Christian Council met directly after the annual meeting and appointed the following committee chairman and department heads.

General Affairs Department	The Rev. Keitaro Nishimura (Episcopal Church in Japan)
Church Department	Dr. Takeshi Wato (Moderator of the United Church)
Finance Committee	The Rev. Toyozo Mikumo (United Church)
Social Committee	The Rev. Yoriichi Manabe (Christian Social Work League)
Publicity Committee	The Rev. Tsunetaro Miyakoda (Japan Bible Society)
Youth Commission	The Rev. Atsumi Tazaka (Evangelical Lutheran Church)
Woman's Committee	The Rev. Kine Sugihara (United Church)

No appointments were made for the Christian Literature, Avaco and Church School departments. The Reverend John DeMaagd is English Secretary of the Council's Executive Committee.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLIES

Youth for Christ held special youth rallies March 8-10 at the Biblical Seminary of the Japan Holiness Church. In addition to special music and movies, the Reverend R. S. Nicholson, Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church spoke at one of the meetings.

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AND MRS. PAUL S. MAYER RETIRE

Some eighty persons attended a farewell reception given to Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Mayer at the Ginza Christian Center on March 4. Dr. Michio Kozaki, Chairman of the National Christian Council, expressed his appreciation for his forty-eight years of service in Japan, calling special attention to the recognition accorded him by the decoration of the Fourth Order of Merit granted by the Emperor. Dr. Takeshi Muto, Moderator of the Church of Christ in Japan, emphasized Dr. Mayer's contribution to the churches and his thirty years service as English Secretary to the Japan Bible Society. Dr. Darley Adams, Secretary of the Interboard Committee, paid tribute to the invaluable service rendered to the child education and the social impact of the church. He reported that Dr. Mayer had preached in Japanese every Sunday but one since his return to Japan at the end of the war and had probably served on more committees than any living missionary. On behalf of the Christian Movement the Reverend Iwao Niwa presented Dr. Mayer with a top coat and Mrs. Mayer with a pearl broach. In response, Dr. Mayer gave the following summary of his philosophy of life: "In little things liberty, in big things unity, in all things love." The Mayers were received in audience by the Emperor and Empress on Friday, March 8. Mrs. Mayer presented the Empress with an album of pictures depicting life in the Bethesda Home for Physically Handicapped Children.

LIVE WHITE RUSSIANS FAMILIES EMIGRATE

Thirty White Russians (twelve families, including six children) left Japan for the United States on February 27. They will be located in California, Minnesota and New York States. Sixty-eight additional persons are still in Japan and 938 are in Hong Kong waiting for an opportunity to leave. Japanese Church World Service is assisting in this project.

MAISO CONFERENCE

Missionaries cooperating with the United Church of Christ in Japan will hold their annual conference at the Sanmaiso Hotel, Yumoto, Hakone, April 2-5. Among the special guests present will be Dr. Georgia Harkness, who will deliver three addresses, Dr. John Biegeleisen of Eden Theological Seminary, Dr. Elmer L. McFarland, Professor of Religions of Perkins School of Theology, Dr. Fred Carleton, Executive Vice President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and Dr. Marshall Scott, Dean of Presbyterian Institute of Industrial Relations.

OCCUPATIONAL EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

A National Conference on Occupational Evangelism was held at the Kofu-ku in Ito on the Izu peninsula March 12-15 under the auspices of the United Church. Speakers included Dr. Marshall Scott, director of the Presbyterian Institute on Industrial Problems, Professor Mikio Wakiya of Tokyo University, and Professor Mikio Kumaya.

AID FOR A-BOMB SUFFERERS

According to a statement published in the Christian Press (Kirisuto sushin), the committee which investigated the condition of atomic bomb sufferers found that there are still 1,200 persons in Hiroshima and 600 in Nagasaki in need of treatment. At present, because of the necessity of continued employment, it is impossible for many of them to receive proper attention. Japan Church World Service is planning to extend aid to these people.

PROTESTANT CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE FOR MISSIONARIES

Thirty missionaries from twenty-four missions met at Atami February 22-24 to discuss plans and organize for the Protestant Centennial in 1959. Members of the executive committee are as follows: Dr. William A. McIlwaine of the Southern Presbyterian Church (chairman), Roy P. Adams of the Oriental Missionary Society, John Schwab of TEAM, E.W. Gosden of the Japan Evangelistic Band, W.A. Echels of the Nazarene Church, Leonard Nipper of the Assemblies of God, and John McDaniels of the Conservative Baptists. An invitation will be extended to all missionaries in Japan to participate in the proposed activities on the basis of the following statement: "We believe in the Bible as the fully inspired, infallible word of God: the only rule of faith and practice." However, all will be welcome to such meetings or conferences as may be held.

Dr. McIlwaine in a statement issued after the Atami meetings said: "The life and growth of the church has always been through the Bible, the Word of God. This Word is its only weapon against its enemies, who always seek to breakdown confidence in it. The Protestant churches all owe their existence to the power of this Word against the claims of Rome. In Japan its light produced the growth of the Protestant Church. Now in Japan's new day we must unite in lifting up this same Bible as the light and weapon for the new advance for which all Christians in Japan long and pray." The proposed organization is being promoted primarily, but not exclusively, by missionaries affiliated with the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan.

DR. EDWARD HEIMN TO LECTURE

Dr. Edward Heimn, German professor of Union Theological Seminary (New York) has been invited by the United Church of Christ and the Tokyo Union Theological Seminary to deliver a series of lectures, while he is in the country in September. Dr. Heimn is an authority in the field of social ethics.

BRIEF

The Rev. Kiyoshi Hirai, General Secretary of the National Christian Council, left Japan March 11 to attend the Social Relations Committee of the World Council of Churches and the Asia Council on Ecumenical Mission at Prapat, Indonesia. Dr. Darley Downs, Secretary of the Interboard Field Committee and the Reverend Gosaku Okada, Vice Moderator of the United Church, left on March 14 for the same meetings. Secretary Hirai will also attend an Asian Students Council Meeting on March 16-17 in Prapat, Indonesia. And a meeting regarding Christian Study Centers at the Christian Women's College in Madras, India, April 1-5. He will return to Japan on April 8.

Mr. L. G. Smith, manager of Evangelical Films, has completed a fifty-minute 16mm film depicting the religious life of a Christian woman who leads all her family and many friends from Buddhism to Christian faith. A premier showing takes place on March 15. He departs for the United States on March 17. Mr. Smith has taken six months to complete the film.

Mr. Seiji Niwa, the first General Secretary of Tokyo YMCA, died at the home of his son, the Rev. Iwao Niwa, on March 7, at the age of 92.

The Reverend and Mrs. Hallam Shorrocks are leaving Japan on March 15 for a short furlough. They will return about July 1.

Self-Denial Week will be observed by the Salvation Army, March 16-31. The goal is ¥ 5 Million.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Tokyo (including Chiba and Kanagawa Prefectures) District of the United Church was held at the Shinanomachi Church on March 7-8. Approximately 350 laymen and ministers were present. The Rev. Ken Saeki, pastor of the Shinagawa Church was elected chairman.

The story of "Golden Rule Penny" written by Mr. Motoo Sakata, a prominent Christian businessman in Osaka, has been published in Japanese and is on sale at the Kyobunkan for ¥ 200.--.

The new officers of the Tokyo City YWCA are:

President - Mrs. Mitsu Matsushita, wife of the Chancellor of Saint Paul's University
Vice President - Junko Takami and Akiko Sugihara.
Treasurer - Miss Mitsu Sakamoto
Recording Secretary - Kazuko Nagura.

